

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing system, comprising:
a first computing device ~~for~~configured to:

~~receiving~~receive a request packet originating from a client, the request packet including an identifier;

in response to the request packet, ~~identifying~~ a computing device that is associated with the identifier;

~~if-when~~ the identified computing device is the first computing device, performing an operation of an application in response to the request packet; and

~~if-when~~ the identified computing device is a second computing device, outputting the request packet to the second computing device for performing the operation in response to the request packet.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim-claim~~claim 6 wherein the identifier is a session identifier.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim-claim~~claim 7 wherein the session identifier is an HTTP session identifier.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim-claim~~claim 6 wherein the identifier is a URL identifier.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~Claim~~-claim 6 wherein the identifier is an SSL identifier.

11.-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a first computing device of an information processing system, the method comprising:

receiving a request packet originating from a client, the request packet including an identifier;

in response to the request packet, identifying a computing device that is associated with the identifier;

~~if-when~~ the identified computing device is the first computing device, performing an operation of an application in response to the request packet; and

~~if-when~~ the identified computing device is a second computing device, outputting the request packet to the second computing device for performing the operation in response to the request packet.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~-claim 16 wherein the identifier is a session identifier.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~-claim 17 wherein the session identifier is an HTTP session identifier.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~-claim 16 wherein the identifier is a URL identifier.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~-claim 16 wherein the identifier is an SSL identifier.

21. (New) A computer-readable signal-bearing medium containing contents that cause a first computing device of an information processing system to perform a method comprising:

receiving a request packet originating from a client, the request packet including an identifier;

in response to the request packet, identifying a computing device that is associated with the identifier;

when the identified computing device is the first computing device, performing an operation of an application in response to the request packet; and

when the identified computing device is a second computing device, outputting the request packet to the second computing device for performing the operation in response to the request packet.

22. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the identifier is a session identifier.

23. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 22 wherein the session identifier is an HTTP session identifier.

24. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the identifier is a URL identifier.

25. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the identifier is an SSL identifier.

26. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the computer-readable signal bearing medium is a memory of a computing device.

27. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the computer-readable signal bearing medium is a data transmission medium transmitting a generated data signal containing the contents.

28. (New) The computer-readable signal bearing medium of claim 21 wherein the contents are instructions that when executed cause the first computing device to perform the method.